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Claims:-

1. A snatch disconnection lanyard assembly (2,4,6,10,44,52) comprising a tensioner (2), characterised in that the tensioner (2) may be set to allow paying out of the lanyard (4,6,10) or set to pull in the lanyard (4,6,10) and when set to pull in, will resist paying out of the lanyard (4,6,10), thereby providing a tensile force for snatch disconnection.

2. A lanyard assembly (2,4,6,10,44,52) as defined in claim 1 characterised in that, when the tensioner (2) is set to allow paying out the lanyard (4,6,10), pulling in of the lanyard (4,6,10) by the tensioner (2) is resisted.

3. A lanyard assembly (2,4,6,10,44,52) as defined in claim 1 or 2 characterised in that it comprises a tensioning cable (6) attached to or comprising the lanyard (4,6,10).

4. A lanyard assembly (2,4,6,10,44,52) according to claim 3 characterised in that, in use, the tensioning cable (6) is wound up onto and unwound from a reel (8) which is spring biased to wind up the cable (6).

5. A lanyard assembly (2,4,6,10,44,52) according to claim 4 characterised in that it comprises a mounting bracket (44), a housing (2) for the reel (8) and a flexible conduit (52) extending between the bracket (44) and the housing (2) and through which the tensioning cable (6) runs.

6. A lanyard assembly (2,4,6,10,44,52) according to claim 4 or 5 characterised in that it comprises a ratchet mechanism (12, 16) which can be set to resist rotation of the reel (8) in the unwinding direction, thereby resisting paying out of the lanyard (4,6,10), but additionally and alternatively can be reset to resist rotation of the reel (8) in the winding up direction, thereby allowing paying out of the lanyard (4,6,10) and resisting pulling in of the lanyard (4,6,10) whilst a snatch connection (7,9) is made up.

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